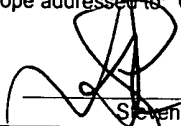




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In re Application of:
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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO
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Commissioner for Patents
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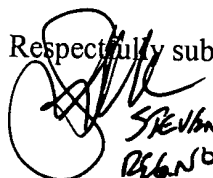
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of two months to and including December 31, 2002 in which to respond to the Office Action dated July 31, 2002.


Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$200.00 is enclosed, which is the process fee (\$200.00) for a two-month extension of time.

If the check is inadvertently omitted, or should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an

overpayment be included herein, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/IOWA:020.

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